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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: MAURITANIAN NINISTER STATE FOR INTERNAL SOVEREIGNTY SALAH RETURNED JULY 17 FROM VISITHTO MALI ANAAD (SOUTH) EASTERN MAURITANIA ACCORDING TO NEWS STORY IN JULY 19 CHAAB. SALAH TOLD PRESS HE HAD VISITED NARA (MALI) AND MET WITH LTC KISSINA DOUKOURA, MILAIN MINDEFENSE AND SECURITY "IN CONTEXT ENCOUNTERS AMONG RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS OF TWO COUNTRIES AND THEIR FRATERANL BONDS". MINISTERS BACKED UP BY MILITARY AND CIVILIAN SUBORJINATEYJ"RE VEIWED GAMMUT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO GROUPS OF OFFICIALS". CONVERSTATION ONCE AGAIC REVEALED "PERFECT IDENTITY OF VIEWS AND SPIRIT OF FRANK COOPERATION". SALAH THEN VISITED NE'MA AND
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BASSIKOUNA FOR DISCUSSIONF WITH POLTICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITIES AND WITHLOCAL RESIDENTS ON HIS WAY BACK TO NOUAKCHOTT. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: CONVINCTION GC MAURITANIAN AMBASSADOR TO MALI THAT POLISARIO MOUNTED JULY 3 ATTACK ON NOUAKCHOTT VIA MALI (REF B) COUPLED WITH REPORTED ASSERTION (REF A) THAT (A)

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MALIAN DEFENSE MINISTRY KNEW JUNE 7 THAT POLISARIO FORCE WHICH ATTACKED BASSIKOUNA EXT DAY (REF CO HAD BEEN SPOTTED JUNE 6 HEADED FOR MAURITANIA BUT FAILED TO ALERT MAURITANIAN GOVERNMENT AND (B) WITHDRAWING POLISARIO ATTACK FOROA REMAINED IN MALI UNDISTURBED UNTIL JUNE 22 SUGGESTS THAT VIEWS OF MALIANS AND MAURITANIANS ABOUT FREEDOM OF POLISARIO TO OPERATE WITHOUT HINDRANCE IN MALI WND RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES MAY BE SOMETHING LESS THAN "PERFECT" AND THAT RECENT CONVERSATIONS WERE PERHAPS MORE "FRANK"THAN "INATERNAL" DESPITE CAREFUL PUBLIC RHETORIC.

3. SOMEWHAT LESS THAN STRAIGHT FORWARD RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BAMAKO AND NOUAKCHOTT RE POLISARIO USE OF MALIAN TERRITORY, IF RPT IF FACT, COTD ALSO AFFECT MAURITANIAN GOVERNMENT REACTION TO RESUMPTIONOF U.S. MAP TO MALI (REF D) WHISH IS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION IN WASHINGTON.

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